by the Ministry was placed 'in abeyance' in September, 2002 with a view to resolve the matter by an agreement between the two States, failing which by an award of the Tribunal. The two States have so far not concluded any agreement on the sharing of Madei Water.

Implementation of Unauthorised irrigation projects in Krishna and Godavari River Basins

3554. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any all-party delegation from Karnataka has submitted any memorandum requesting the Central Government to prevent Andhra Pradesh from going ahead with the implementation of unauthorized irrigation projects in Krishna and Godavari river basins; and

(b) if so, what is the present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. An all party delegation led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, submitted a memorandum to His Excellency the President of India and the then Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister of India in June, 2003 high lighting unilateral action on the part of the Government of Andhra Pradesh to commit use of the surplus water of Krishna by taking up permanent and large-scale water utilization projects. The State Government of Karnataka has reported about submission of another memorandum to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in February, 2005 during his visit to Bangalore, which also highlighted the same issues.

(b) In response to the complaints and request for apportioning of the surplus waters of Krishna among the basin States, the Government of India constituted the second Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal on 2nd April, 2004 to adudicate the disputes on sharing of Krishna Waters among the basin States in accordance with the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956. The sharing of the Godavari waters among the basin States in on the basis of Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal Award, which is an

agglomeration of the agreements on the use of Godavari Waters among the basin States.

Conservation of Water

3555. SHRI R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes launched by Central Government to conserve water keeping in view the failure of monsoon frequently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to initiate new water conservation schemes in the country to yield desired results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Water being a state subject, water resources projects including schemes for water conservation are planned, executed and maintained by the concerned State Governments. The Government of India has launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for early completion of ongoing water resources schemes. Government of India is also promoting schemes for rainwater harvesting and recharge to groundwater for conservation of water.

(c) A pilot scheme"National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies Directly Linked to Agriculture" has been approved by the Government of India. The objectives of the scheme are to restore and augment the storage capacities of water bodies including repair of related structures like checkdams, weirs, bunds and water conveyance system and to recover and extend their lost irrigation potential. A scheme on "Artificial Recharge to Groundwater and Rainwater Harvesting" is also under active consideration of the Government.